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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

This is a response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 14, 2011, in which pending claims 84, 85, 88-91, 94-108 and 110 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for two months extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims: None.

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